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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Chief Deputy Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs -**
3 **Employment Status**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that a chief deputy sheriff appointed by the Sheriff of
5 Dorchester County shall serve at the pleasure of the Sheriff; prohibiting the
6 Sheriff of Dorchester County from refusing to reappoint a deputy sheriff without
7 just cause; and generally relating to the employment status of a chief deputy
8 sheriff and deputy sheriffs in Dorchester County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
11 Section 2-309(k)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

17 2-309.

18 (k) (1) The Sheriff of Dorchester County shall receive an annual salary of
19 \$45,000 and be allowed the actual operating costs of the Sheriff's office, including the
20 maintenance of automobiles.

21 (2) (i) The Sheriff shall appoint a chief deputy sheriff WHO SHALL
22 SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE SHERIFF.

23 (ii) If an employee of the Sheriff's office is appointed as chief deputy
24 sheriff and is subsequently removed from the chief deputy sheriff's position for other
25 than cause, the person may resume the employment status held prior to the
26 appointment to the chief deputy sheriff's position.

27 (iii) The chief deputy sheriff shall:

